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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question to my colleague in charge of Local Administration.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : The Hon. Minister was stating that agreed proposals were implemented and that means, it can be presumed that there were also some proposals which were not agreed to. May I know, whether the request of the majority of the Presidents of District Boards that the district board roads be taken over by the Government and treated as 'Provincial Road's, has been accepted by the Government and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think that subject was discussed at this conference.

Recovery of cost of articles lost in Government Hospitals

* 2668 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that whenever linen and other articles are lost in the Government Hospitals, the low paid employees are asked to pay the cost of such lost articles compulsorily without any enquiry whatsoever by the Superintendents of the hospitals; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have any proposals to stop this kind of collective fines upon such hospital employees?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Recoveries are effected from the persons responsible in the wards after due enquiry;

(*b*) Does not arise.

Lands for grazing purposes

* 2669 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to starred question No. 1643 on 26th March 1955—

(*a*) whether the Board of Revenue has submitted any report to the Government regarding the reservation of lands for grazing purposes in villages where there are no such lands now; and

(*b*) if so, what the recommendations are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The recommendations of the Board of Revenue are the following :—

(1) The villagers should be encouraged to raise grass farms in unobjectionable wastes and they should be assigned Government porambokes or Government wastes for the same purpose.